

**ABSTRACT**

Compositions and methods for the treatment and diagnosis of diseases or disorders amenable to treatment through modulation of expression of a gene encoding a Jun N-terminal kinase (JNK protein) are provided. Oligonucleotide are herein provided which are specifically hybridizable with nucleic acids encoding JNK1, JNK2 and JNK3, as well as other JNK proteins and specific isoforms thereof. Methods of treating animals suffering from diseases or disorders amenable to therapeutic intervention by modulating the expression of one or more JNK proteins with such oligonucleotide are also provided. Methods for the treatment and diagnosis of diseases or disorders associated with aberrant expression of one or more JNK proteins are also provided. Methods for inducing apoptosis and for treating diseases or conditions associated with a reduction in apoptosis are also provided.